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*Record of rights and settlement of rent in Kallikota and Atagada estates.*

528 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the report referred to in answer to question No. 1393, dated 27th March 1922, of Sriman Sasibhushan Rath Mahasayo, regarding the record of rights and settlement of rent in Kallikota and Atagada estates has been called for and received; if so, to place the same on the table?

A.—The following report was received on the subject but the matter has progressed further since its receipt:—

The ryots of 152 villages in the two estates applied to the Collector of Ganjam for the preparation of the record of rights and a settlement of rents. The Collector has called upon them to make deposits in accordance with rule 5 of the rules framed under section 215 (1), (2), (8) and (9) of the Madras Estates Land Act.

In 52 villages the ryots have deposited the full amounts required by the rule quoted above. In respect of the other villages the applications are defective in not having complied with either section 164 (a) (iv) of the Act or rule 5 of the rules. The Collector is having these defects rectified in consultation with the ryots.

A deputation of ryots of the two estates waited upon the Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement on 16th February 1922. The Collector of Ganjam has been asked to submit the applications to the Board at once with his recommendations.

*Irrigation projects in the Cuddapah district.*

529 Q.—Mr. B. P. DEVARAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) in the order of importance, with a short sketch or description, the several projects that have been investigated during the past thirty years with a view to improve the irrigation sources in the district of Cuddapah;

(2) whether any of these projects have been carried out and if so, with what results; and

(3) whether any of the schemes have been allowed to lie over and if so, on what grounds or for what reasons?

A.—A statement giving the information asked for is laid on the table.\*

*Pothanur irrigation project.*

530 Q.—Rao Bahadur K. GOPALAKRISHNAYYA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme regarding the Pothanur irrigation project, Ellore taluk, in the Kistna district, in respect of acres 2,000 of unassessed waste land was investigated by the Public Works Department and found to be feasible and beneficial;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Collector, Kistna, reported to the Government that the scheme should be undertaken by the Government immediately;

(c) if so, why it is not undertaken;

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- (d) when the Government is likely to push through the scheme ;  
 (e) whether it is a fact that the Cocanada Agricultural Farming Company approached the Government with a request for a lease of the aforesaid waste land for irrigation purposes ; and  
 (f) if so, how the Government disposed of the matter ?

A.—(a), (c) & (d) Yes. The project will be considered after the ultimate ayacut of the delta has been fixed.

(b), (e) & (f) The answer is in the negative.

*The Educational institutions in the Presidency.*

531 Q.—MR. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing by communities the number of applicants who sought admission in different educational institutions under Government management, during the commencement of the current school year, in the various classes imparting secondary and collegiate education and the number who were actually admitted and the seating capacity of the various class rooms ?

A.—The Government have no information.

*Number of villages yielding beriz of Rs. 5,000 and above.*

532 Q.—MR. K. A. KANDASWAMI KANDAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) how many villages (Government) there are in this Presidency which have less than 2,000 acres, above 2,000 acres and below 4,000 acres and above 4,000 acres of ayacut ; and

(2) how many Government villages there are in this Presidency which yield less than Rs. 2,000, above Rs. 2,000 and below Rs. 5,000 and above Rs. 5,000 beriz ?

A.—(1) & (2) The Government have no information.

*Electric installation in the Ceded Districts College Laboratory.*

533 Q.—DIWAN BAHADUR P. KESAVA PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is not a fact that an electric installation was made for the Ceded Districts College for laboratory and other purposes ;

(2) what is the cost of such plant and how many years it has given satisfactory service since its installation ; and

(3) what was the cause of the failure of the plant ?

A.—(1) Yes.

(2) The installation was carried out at the beginning of 1919 at a cost of Rs. 13,343. Certain additions and improvements were subsequently carried out in 1921 at a cost of about Rs. 5,160.

(3) The Government understand that the dynamo and engine are not now in working order and the Public Works Department has been asked to set them right. The Government have no information as to the cause of the failure of the plant, but will enquire.